committee recommended that the present system of single time zone may be continued.The committee further recommended that work timings in the eastern States may be advanced by one hour, in order to gainfully utilize the morning hours.This will involve only administrative instructions in this regard by concerned authorities.

(e) Does not arise.

TIFAC workshop

1902. SHRI R.R GOENKA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the views expressed by some leading scientists at a recent one-day workshop organised by the Technology, Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TfFAC) pleading for urgent need to promote special rural development related technologies; and

(b) if so, the highlights of views/observations made at the said workshop and the details of plans drawn up, if any, to select critical technologies to provide development directions for rapid growth of the rural economy of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to identify the problems and areas of Science and Technology interventions in the rural pottery sector, a workshop was organised by Technology. Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council in Jaipur on 19th June, 2002. As a follow up action, a meeting was held in New Delhi to finalise the plan of action for rural pottery sector. Actions will be undertaken on specific projects when received.

Loan for modernisation of SAIL

1903. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased
to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 433, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th July, 2002 and state:

(a) the total amount borrowed by SAIL during the last three years for modernisation of its plants; and